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Sir:

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Copies of the non-U.S. references are enclosed, together with English Abstracts.

These documents were cited in examination of the corresponding Japanese patent applications 11-316568 and 2000-587737.

JP 10-239628 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,933,279; JP 11-174367 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,094,241; and JP 2-281891 corresponds to 5,034,809.

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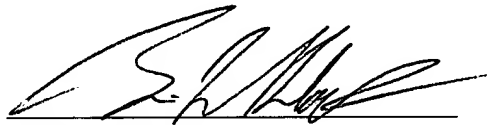
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